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SUBJ: LOBBY RENOVATIONS - COLOMBO

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 7953, (B) STATE 128751, (C) NEW DELHI
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NEW DELHI FOR RSO

1. POST IN POSITION TO MOVE ALONG WITH SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS
RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED REFTELS. PROJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED
WITH CONTRACTOR AND TSO HURLEY, PRESENTLY IN COLOMBO, AND WE
ARE IN AGREEMENT AS TO REQUIREMENTS.

2. ORIGINAL INTENTION OT HAVE SOLID WOOD DOORS AT FRONT EN-
TRANCE HAS BEEN REEVALUATED AND WE HAVE DETERMINED IT MORE
APPROPRIATE TO REPLACE PRESENT FRONT ENTRANCE DOORS AND
ADJACENT AREAS WITH AN S-200 ENTRANCE PACKAGE (DOUBLE DOORS)
AND ADJACENT AREAS TO ENTRANCE PACKAGE WITH LEXGARD. THIS
WILL PERMIT A WIDER VIEWING AREA OF APPROACH TO THE CHANCERY
BY THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD WHICH AT THE PRESENT TIME IS
EXTREMELY LIMITED AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SO IF SOLID DOORS
WERE INSTALLED AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. THIS CHANGE WILL ALSO
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PRESERVE THE INITIAL VIEW OF THE HISTORIS STAIRWAY AT EH
REAR OF THE LOBBY, A MATTER OF PERSONAL CONCERN TO THE
AMBASSADOR.

3. SPECIFICATIONS FOR ENTRANCE WAY AS FOLLOWS: ENTIRE ENTRY
WAY IS TEN FEET NINE INCHES WIDE AND NINE FEET ELEVEN INCHES
HIGH. ENTRANCE PACKAGE S-200 WOULD BE CENTERED AND AREAS EACH

SIDE AND ABOVE ENTRANCE PACKAGE S-200 WOULD BE LEXGARD.

4. UP-DATED COST ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM CONTRACTOR FOR LOBBY AND CONSULAR SECTION RENOVATIONS. ORIGINAL ESTIMATE DID NOT INCLUDE COST OF STEEL PLATING TO BE INSTALLED AROUND RECEPTION/MARINE DESK AND THE CONSULAR COUNTER. REVISED ESTIMATE IS \$4,800 AS ITEMIZED BELOW. THIS IN ADDITION TO COST OF LEXGARD, DOORS ETC. TO BE PURCHASED FROM US VENDOR.

A. RENOVATION TO ACCOMMODATE WALK-THRU METAL	
DETECTOR SCREENING OPERATION:	\$400
B. CONSTRUCTION OF MARINE/RECEPTIONIST DESK: \$1,200	
C. CONSTRUCTION OF CONSULAR COUNTER:	\$1,200
D. ORNAMENTAL GRILL AT TOP OF STAIRWAY:	\$800
E. NEW ITEM: STEEL PLATING FOR MARINE/RECEPTIONIST DESK AND CONSULAR COUNTER: \$1,200	
F. LEXGARD FOR MARINE/RECEPTIONIST DESK AND CONSULAR COUNTER (REF C) \$13,125	
G. LEXGARD DOORS (REF B)	\$6,631
H. NEW ITEM: ENTRANCE PACKAGE S-200 AND LEXGARD FOR ADJACENT AREAS EST.\$6,500	
TOTAL REVISED ESTIMATED COST:	\$31,056

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. RSO, NEW DELHI: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO REPLACE PRESENT WOOD FRONT DOORS WITH ENTRANCE PACKAGE S-200 AND ADJACENT AREAS WITH LEXGARD.
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B. DEPARTMENT PROVIDE FUNDING IN AMOUNT OF \$31,000 TO PERMIT PROCUREMENT AND INITIATION OF NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTOR. WHEN FUNDING IS RECEIVED, WE WILL ADVISE NEW DELHI OF DATE SEABEE SHOULD VISIT COLOMBO TO ASSIST IN TECHNICAL DETAILS.
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